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TAGS: EIND, KS

SUBJECT: COPYRIGHT AND BOOK PIRACY

REF: (A) SEOUL 497, (B) DEPARTMENT 165035

1. LEO ALBERT, AS CHAIRMAN OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMITTEE FOR ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN PUBLISHERS, WILL BE ARRIVING SEOUL FEBRUARY 14 AND DEPARTING FEBRUARY 19. ALBERT ASKED DEPARTMENT TO ATTEMPT TO ARRANGE MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR AND COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR AND OTHER EMBASSY OFFICIALS AS APPROPRIATE. ALBERT ALSO ASKED EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING APPOINTMENTS WITH KIM, YUNG KWON, DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF CULTURE, ROK MINISTRY OF CULTURE AND INFORMATION, AND WITH APPROPRIATE ROK OFFICIALS AS NECESSARY TO DISCUSS BOOK PIRACY AND PROBLEMS OF U.S. PUBLISHERS IN KOREA. (ALBERT INFORMED BY LETTER CONTENTS REFTEL A.)

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2. REFTEL A - PARA 6 AND REFTEL B: PRENTICE-HALL HAS

NEGOTIATED CONTRACTS FOR REPRINT RIGHTS OF SIX U.S. TITLES WITH I. H. LIU, PANMUN BOOK COMPANY LTD. PUBLICATION RIGHTS SIGNED ACCORDING STRATEGY DISCUSSED BY EMBOFF AND KIM. ALBERT WILL PROVIDE DETAILS DURING VISIT.

3. REFTEL A - PARA 4 INDICATES CONSIDERABLE DISPARITY BETWEEN REPORTED KOREAN COPYRIGHT LAW AND VERSION OF ROK COPYRIGHT LAW IN UNESCO PUBLICATION, COPYRIGHT LAWS AND

TREATIES OF THE WORLD (CLTW). FYI: CLTW ROK COPYRIGHT LAW ARTICLE 62 READS: QUOTE: APPLICATION OF CIVIL OR OTHER CODES - IN CASE OF COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT, THE CIVIL CODE AND OTHER LAWS AND DECREES SHALL BE APPLIED, EXCEPT WHERE SPECIFICALLY STIPULATED OTHERWISE IN THIS LAW. UNQUOTE  
END FYI.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: (A) CLARIFICATION OF ARTICLE 62. EXAMINATION OF KOREAN COPYRIGHT LAW IN CLTW BY THIS OFFICE AND COPYRIGHT OFFICE FAILED TO REVEAL EQUIVALENT LANGUAGE AS INDICATED PARA 4 OF REFTEL A. (B) COPY OF NEW KOREAN COPYRIGHT LAW WITH CHANGES AND REVISIONS BE FORWARDED TO DEPARTMENT VIA AIR POUCH. ALSO ANY RELEVANT ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS CONCERNING COPYRIGHT AND/OR ELIGIBILITY TO SECURE COPYRIGHT UNDER ROK COPYRIGHT LAW. (C) DEPARTMENT AGREES WITH KIM AND EMBOFF STRATEGY FOR REDUCING BOOK PIRACY IN KOREA. IF EMBASSY LEARNS THAT REPRINTED U.S. TITLES GRANTED LIU BY PRENTICE-HALL ACCORDING TO STRATEGY OUTLINED REFTEL A PARA 6 AND REFTEL B HAVE BEEN PIRATED, EMBASSY SHOULD ENCOURAGE ALBERT TO REQUEST LIU TAKE NECESSARY ACTION INITIATE CIVIL REDRESS IN ROK COURTS AGAINST PIRATE(S). (D) DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE DETAILED REPORT ON ALBERT'S VISIT. BECAUSE OF WIDESPREAD INTEREST AND CONCERN OF U.S. PUBLISHERS OF BOOK PIRACY IN KOREA, DEPARTMENT WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE CONTINUING REPORTS ON ANY NEW COPYRIGHT OR BOOK PIRACY DEVELOPMENTS. KISSINGER

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